

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

WHEREAS, The 19th Amendment to the Constitution, ratified on August 26, 1920, guaranteed the right to vote for American women; and

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day commemorates this constitutional amendment and is an opportunity for citizens across our Commonwealth to honor those who took part in the long and difficult struggle for women's suffrage, as well as those since 1920 who have continued to fight for equal rights for women; and

WHEREAS, Beginning with the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, women's suffrage supporters lectured, wrote, marched, and lobbied for enfranchisement of American women. Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott led this movement and advocated an amendment to the Constitution that would guarantee women the right to vote; and

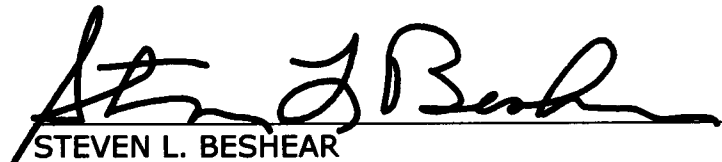
WHEREAS, Kentuckians believe in opportunity for all and on this day, we honor the achievements of women who have charted the path to equal opportunity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2013, as

## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort  
the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, in the year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Thirteen and in the 222<sup>nd</sup> year of  
the Commonwealth.

  
STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

  
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